IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter *(underlining)* and deleted subject matter *(strikethrough)*, as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device having a plurality of application programs, a method of monitoring usage comprising the steps of:

   a) gathering usage statistics of said application programs, said usage statistics comprising: measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by batteries; measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by an external source of power; ~~and~~ measurements denoting a duration of usage when an auto-shutoff of said electronic device occurs, said measurements for denoting a duration of usage adjusted by a predetermined scale factor; and measurements denoting a duration of usage of said application programs when an interrupt occurs;

   b) storing said usage statistics; and

   c) automatically transmitting said stored usage statistics to a server on a regular basis, whereby said server tabulates said usage statistics.

2. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said storing step comprises, for at least one said application program, storing of:

   i) duration of usage since last said transmitting step occurred;

   ii) number of times used since last said transmitting step occurred;

   iii) total duration usage; and

   iv) total number of times used.

3. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 and further comprising the step of displaying said stored usage statistics on a display of said electronic device.

4.   (Previously Presented)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said gathering step further comprises measuring duration of usage of at least one said application program and does not include time when said electronic device is turned off.

5.   (Previously Presented)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said gathering step further comprises:

    i)   measuring, for at least one said application program, a first duration of usage while said electronic device is running on batteries; and

    ii)   measuring, for said at least one application program, a second duration of usage while said electronic device is connected to an external source of power.

6.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 5 wherein said measuring steps do not include time when an interrupt pauses use of said at least one application program.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said gathering step further comprises measuring duration of application usage, and when an auto-shutoff occurs, includes a _predetermined_ fraction of the time from a last user interaction to said auto-shutoff in said measured duration.

8.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a palm-sized computer system.

9.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a wireless telephone.

10.   (Currently Amended) In an personal digital assistant having a plurality of application programs, a method of monitoring usage comprising the steps of:

    a)   gathering usage statistics of said application programs, said usage statistics comprising: measurements denoting a duration of usage when said personal digital assistant is

powered by batteries; measurements denoting a duration of usage when said personal digital assistant is powered by an external source of power; ~~and~~ measurements denoting a duration of usage when an auto-shutoff of said personal digital assistant occurs, said measurements for denoting a duration of usage adjusted by a scale factor; <u>and measurements denoting a duration of usage of said application programs when an interrupt occurs;</u>

      b)   storing said usage statistics; and

      c)   automatically transmitting said stored usage statistics to a server on a regular basis, whereby said server tabulates said usage statistics.

11.   (Original)   A method as described .in Claim 10 wherein said storing step comprises, for at least one said application program, storing of:

      i)   duration of usage since last said transmitting step occurred;

      ii)   number of times used since last said transmitting step occurred;

      iii)   total duration usage; and

      iv)   total number of times used.

12.   (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 10 and further comprising the step displaying said stored usage statistics on a display of said ~~electronic device~~ <u>personal digital assistant</u>.

13.   (Previously Presented)   A method as described in Claim 10 wherein said gathering step further comprises:

      i)   measuring, for at least one said application program, a first duration of usage while said electronic device is running on batteries; and

      ii)   measuring, for said at least one application program, a second duration of usage while said electronic device is connected to an external source of power.

14.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 10 wherein said personal digital assistant is a palm-sized computer system.

15.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 10 wherein said personal digital assistant is a wireless telephone.

16.   (Currently Amended) In an electronic device comprising a processor coupled to a bus, a display coupled to said bus and a memory coupled to said bus, said memory having a database of records of different categories and instructions implementing a method of displaying information comprising the steps of:

a)   gathering usage statistics of said application programs, said usage statistics comprising: measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by batteries; measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by an external source of power; ~~and~~ measurements denoting a duration of usage when an auto-shutoff of said electronic device occurs, said measurements for denoting a duration of usage adjusted by a scale factor; <u>and measurements denoting a duration of usage of said application programs when an interrupt occurs;</u>

b)   storing said usage statistics; and

c)   automatically transmitting said stored usage statistics to a server on a regular basis, whereby said server tabulates said usage statistics.

17.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 16 wherein said storing step comprises, for at least one said application program, storing of:

i)   duration of usage since last said transmitting step occurred;

ii)   number of times used since last said transmitting step occurred;

iii)   total duration usage; and

iv)   total number of times used.

18.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 16 and further comprising the step of displaying said stored usage statistics on a display of said electronic device.

19.   (Previously Presented)   A method as described in Claim 16 wherein said gathering step further comprises:

i) measuring, for at least one said application program, a first duration of usage while said electronic device is running on batteries; and

ii) measuring, for said at least one application program, a second duration of usage while said electronic device is connected to an external source of power.

20. (Original) A method as described in Claim 16 wherein said electronic device is a palm-sized computer system.

21. (Original) A method as described in Claim 16 wherein said electronic device is a wireless telephone.

22. (Currently Amended) In a system comprising a plurality of electronic devices having application programs and a computer server, a method of monitoring usage comprising the steps of:

a) gathering usage statistics of said application programs, said usage statistics comprising: measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by batteries; measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by an external source of power; ~~and~~ measurements denoting a duration of usage when an auto-shutoff of said electronic device occurs, said measurements for denoting a duration of usage adjusted by a scale factor; <u>and measurements denoting a duration of usage of said application programs when an interrupt occurs;</u>

b) storing said usage statistics;

c) automatically transmitting said stored usage statistics to a server on a regular basis; and

d) tabulating said transmitted usage statistics.

23. (Original) A method as described in Claim 22, the system further comprising host computer, and further comprising the step of transmitting said stored usage statistics to said host computer before transmitting said stored usage statistics to said server.

24.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 22 and further comprising the step of publishing said tabulated usage statistics on the Internet.

25.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 22 and further comprising the step of crediting value to an account corresponding to at least one of said electronic devices.

26.   (Currently Amended) In one or more computer servers, a method of collecting usage statistics comprising the steps of:

    a)   automatically receiving usage statistics for at least one application program on a regular basis, said usage statistics having been gathered from electronic devices, wherein said usage statistics comprise: measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by batteries; measurements denoting a duration of usage when said electronic device is powered by an external source of power; ~~and~~ measurements denoting a duration of usage when an auto-shutoff of said electronic device occurs, said measurements for denoting a duration of usage adjusted by a scale factor; <u>and measurements denoting a duration of usage of said at least one application program when an interrupt occurs;</u>

    b)   tabulating said received usage statistics; and

    c)   publishing said tabulated usage statistics.

27.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 26 and further comprising the step of crediting value to an account corresponding to at least one of said electronic devices.

28.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 26 and further comprising the step of storing said tabulated usage results in a database that can be queried.

29.   (Original)   A method as described in Claim 28 wherein said publishing step comprises:

    a)   receiving a query request;

    b)   applying said query to said database;

c)   receiving query results from said database;

d)   formatting said results; and

e)   transmitting said formatted results.